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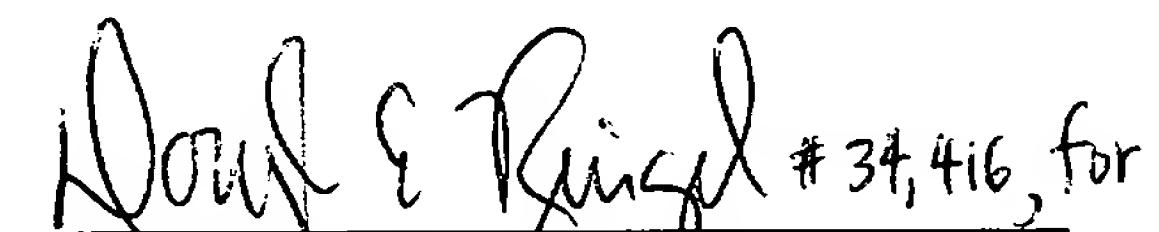
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1 APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY POSITIONING A DEVICE AND  
2 MANIPULATING IT

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4 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 This invention relates generally to an apparatus and  
6 method of selectively positioning the apparatus, e.g., within a  
7 lumen. More particularly, this invention relates to a device and  
8 method for pulling a catheter along a wire; a device and method  
9 for moving a wire relative to a catheter, a device and method for  
10 pulling a catheter relative to a guiding catheter or any larger  
11 bore pipeline through which it is inserted; and a device and  
12 method for pushing or pulling a device on top of a guide wire or  
13 inside a guiding catheter.

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15 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

16 In many different applications of invasive and  
17 minimally invasive medicine there is a need to introduce  
18 catheters and other devices into the body, usually through open  
19 lumens or closed lumens, utilizing percutaneous entry.  
20 Conventional procedures for the introduction of the devices and  
21 their controlled motion in the body usually utilize a force,  
22 either a manual force or a motorized force, applied from the  
23 outside of the patient to "push" the device to the target area.  
24 One shortcoming of introducing the device via a "push" operation,  
25 even when done on top of a guiding wire, is that this procedure  
26 often does not provide optimal tractability into a tortuous  
27 anatomy, e.g., the coronary arteries. In contrast, a "pull"

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1 operation in which a pulling device precedes the apparatus and  
2 "pulls" it into place increases the tractability of the device  
3 and reduces the likelihood that the device will get caught in a  
4 curve of the lumen or cause trauma to the lumen.

5 Another problem is the need to push wires through  
6 occluded lumen sections that have a great resistance to such  
7 penetration. The fact that the wire is pushed from the outside  
8 may waste all the pushing energy in accesssive loops with very  
9 little or none of the pushing energy actually reaching the tip of  
10 the wire.

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12 OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

13 It is an object of this invention to provide a device  
14 and method for pulling a catheter along a wire.

15 It is another object of this invention to provide a  
16 device and method for pushing a wire relative to a catheter.

17 In yet another object of this invention to provide a  
18 device and method for pulling a catheter relative to a guiding  
19 catheter or any larger bore pipeline through which it is  
20 inserted.

21 It is a further object of this invention to provide a  
22 device and method for pushing or pulling a device on top of a  
23 guidewire or inside a guiding catheter.

24 It is still a further object of this invention to  
25 provide an apparatus and method for selectively positioning a  
26 device, e.g., a stent, an Intra Vascular Sound (IVUS) transducer,

1 an atherectomy device (both rotational and directional), pressure  
2 sensors, balloons, and pushing wires to open occlusions, by  
3 pulling rather than pushing these devices into place.

4 It is an object of this invention to provide an  
5 apparatus for disposing a device in the target area of a lumen,  
6 comprising: a cylindrically shaped motor attached to the device,  
7 the motor having a longitudinal bore, the motor provided with a  
8 motor friction area disposed within the longitudinal bore; a  
9 guide wire disposed within the longitudinal bore, the guide wire  
10 and the longitudinal bore sized and adapted to impart friction  
11 between the friction area of the motor and the guide wire in an  
12 amount sufficient to permit the motor to change position relative  
13 to the guide wire by crawling against the guide wire when the  
14 motor is energized.

15 It is another object of this invention to provide an  
16 apparatus for disposing a device in the target area of a lumen,  
17 comprising: a cylindrically shaped motor attached to the device,  
18 the motor having an outer surface, the motor provided with a  
19 friction area on the outer surface; a cylindrical guide tube  
20 having an outer surface and an inner surface defining a  
21 longitudinal bore, the outer surface of the motor and the inner  
22 surface of the guide tube sized and adapted to impart friction  
23 between the friction area of the motor and the inner surface of  
24 the cylindrical guide tube in an amount sufficient to permit the  
25 cylindrical motor to change position relative to the guide tube  
26 by crawling against the inner surface of the guide tube when the

1 motor is energized.

2 It is still another object of this invention to provide  
3 an apparatus for disposing a stent in the target area of a lumen,  
4 comprising: a catheter having a proximal end, a distal end, a  
5 longitudinal bore therethrough, and an expandable balloon  
6 disposed at the distal end; a cylindrically shaped motor disposed  
7 at the distal end of the catheter distal to the balloon, the  
8 motor having a longitudinal bore communicating with the  
9 longitudinal bore of the catheter, the motor provided with a  
10 motor friction area disposed within the longitudinal bore; a  
11 guide wire disposed within the longitudinal bore of the catheter  
12 and the longitudinal bore of the motor, the guide wire and the  
13 longitudinal bore of the motor sized and adapted to impart  
14 friction between the friction area of the motor and the guide  
15 wire in an amount sufficient to permit the motor to change  
16 position relative to the guide wire by crawling against the guide  
17 wire when the motor is energized.

18 It is another object of this invention to provide a  
19 method of disposing a stent in the target area of a lumen,  
20 comprising the steps of:

21 a) constructing an apparatus comprising: a catheter having  
22 a proximal end, a distal end, a longitudinal bore therethrough,  
23 and an expandable balloon disposed at the distal end; a  
24 cylindrically shaped motor disposed at the distal end of the  
25 catheter distal to the balloon, the motor having a longitudinal  
26 bore communicating with the longitudinal bore of the catheter,

1 the motor provided with a motor friction area disposed within the  
2 longitudinal bore, a guide wire disposed within the longitudinal  
3 bore of the catheter and the longitudinal bore of the motor, the  
4 guide wire and the longitudinal bore of the motor sized and  
5 adapted to impart friction between the friction area of the motor  
6 and the guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit the motor to  
7 change position relative to the guide wire by crawling against  
8 the guide wire when the motor is energized;

9       b) advancing the guide wire to the target area;

10      c) securing the guide wire;

11       d) energizing the motor so that it advances along the  
12 guide wire to the target area to dispose the stent in the target  
13 area of lumen;

14       e) inflating the balloon to secure the stent in the target  
15       area of the lumen;

16       f) deflating the balloon; and

17       g) withdrawing the guide wire, motor, and catheter from  
18 the lumen.

19           It is yet another object of this invention to provide a  
20 method of disposing a stent in an obstructed target area of a  
21 lumen, comprising the steps of:

22       a) constructing an apparatus comprising: a catheter  
23 having a proximal end, a distal end, a longitudinal bore  
24 therethrough, and an expandable balloon disposed at the distal  
25 end; a cylindrically shaped motor disposed at the distal end of  
26 the catheter distal to the balloon, the motor having a

1       longitudinal bore communicating with the longitudinal bore of the  
2       catheter, the motor provided with a motor friction area disposed  
3       within the longitudinal bore, a guide wire disposed within the  
4       longitudinal bore of the catheter and the longitudinal bore of  
5       the motor, the guide wire and the longitudinal bore of the motor  
6       sized and adapted to impart friction between the friction area of  
7       the motor and the guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit  
8       the motor to change position relative to the guide wire by  
9       crawling against the guide wire when the motor is energized;

10       b)     advancing the guide wire to the target area;

11       c)     securing the guide wire;

12       d)     energizing the motor so that the motor advances along  
13       the guide wire to the obstructed target area;

14       e)     securing the catheter;

15       f)     energizing the motor so that the guide wire advances  
16       through the longitudinal bore of the motor and into the  
17       obstructed target area of the lumen;

18       g)     securing the guide wire;

19       h)     energizing the motor so that the motor advances along  
20       the guide wire and disposes the stent in the target area of the  
21       lumen;

22       i)     inflating the balloon to secure the stent in the target  
23       area of the lumen;

24       j)     deflating the balloon; and

25       k)     withdrawing the guide wire, motor, and catheter from  
26       the lumen.

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3 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

4 FIG. 1 shows an embodiment of the invention in which a  
5 cylindrically shaped motor and a guide wire are utilized to  
6 dispose a device in the target area of a lumen;

7 FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional end view of the embodiment  
8 of the invention shown in FIG. 1;

9 FIG. 3 shows an embodiment of the invention in which a  
10 cylindrical motor and a cylindrical guide tube are used to  
11 dispose a device in the target area of a lumen;

12 FIG. 4 shows a cross-sectional side view of another  
13 embodiment of the invention shown in FIG. 3;

14 FIG. 5 shows the tractability of a catheter that is  
15 pulled through a curve in a lumen in accordance with the present  
16 invention;

17 FIG. 6 shows the tractability of a catheter that is  
18 pushed through a curve in a lumen in a conventional manner;

19 FIG. 7 shows an embodiment of the invention used to  
20 dispose a balloon expandable stent in the lumen of a blood  
21 vessel;

22 FIGS. 8A to 8D shows an embodiment of the invention  
23 used to clear an obstructed lumen; and

24 FIG. 9 shows an alternative embodiment of the  
25 invention.

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2                   DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

3                   Miniature Oscillating Ceramic Motors (OCM) are well  
4                   known in the art and are disclosed in U.S. patent 5,453,653 to  
5                   Zumeris the specification of which is incorporated herein by  
6                   reference. These motors can be made very small and in any shape  
7                   and they operate by contacting a surface in an amount sufficient  
8                   to generate sufficient friction to permit the motor to "crawl"  
9                   along the contacted surface and change its position relative to  
10                   the contacted surface when the motor is energized. These motors  
11                   can be adequately insulated to act in aqueous environments.  
12                   Their small size and low energy level requirements make them  
13                   especially suitable for use inside living organisms.

14                   FIG. 1 is a lateral perspective of one embodiment of  
15                   the invention and shows a cylindrical motor 1 having a  
16                   longitudinal bore therethrough. A guide wire 2 is disposed  
17                   within the longitudinal bore 5. FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional end  
18                   view taken on line A-A of FIG. 1 and shows the cylindrical motor  
19                   1 having an outer surface 3 and an inner surface 4 defining a  
20                   longitudinal bore 5. The inner surface 4 defining the  
21                   longitudinal bore 5 is provided with a friction area 6 adapted to  
22                   engage the guide wire 2. The longitudinal bore 5 and the guide  
23                   wire 2 are sized and adapted so that when the motor 1 is  
24                   energized the motor 1 will crawl along the guide wire 2, thus,  
25                   changing its position relative to the guide wire 2. The  
26                   direction of movement is controlled selectively by energizing

1 wires (not shown) connected to the motor 1. In one embodiment,  
2 shown in FIG. 2, a biasing means, e.g., a leaf spring 7 is  
3 utilized to bias the guide wire 2 against the friction area 6 of  
4 the motor 1.

5 FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional side view of another  
6 embodiment of the invention and shows a cylindrical motor 8  
7 having an external surface 10 mounted within a guide tube 9  
8 having an outer surface 11 and an inner surface 12. The  
9 external surface 10 of the motor 8 and the internal surface 12 of  
10 the guide tube 9 are sized and adapted so that the friction area  
11 14 of the motor 8 contacts the inner surface 12 of the guide tube  
12 9 and crawls along the inner surface 12 so as to dispose a  
13 device, e.g., an Intra Vascular Ultra Sound (IVUS) transducer,  
14 atherectomy device, or physiological sensor, (not shown) in the  
15 target area of a lumen. In an especially preferred embodiment,  
16 shown in FIG. 4, a leaf spring 13 is utilized to bias the  
17 friction surface 14 of the motor 8 against the internal surface  
18 12 of the guide tube 9.

19 In another embodiment of this invention, shown in FIG.  
20 7, a balloon catheter with a micro-motor disposed at the distal  
21 end is used to dispose an expandable stent in the target area of  
22 a lumen. FIG. 7 shows a catheter 15 having a proximal end 16, a  
23 distal end 17, and a longitudinal bore 18 therethrough. An  
24 expandable balloon 19 is disposed at the distal end 17. A  
25 cylindrically shaped motor 1 is disposed at the distal end 17 of  
26 the catheter 15 distal to the balloon 19. The motor 1 has a

1 longitudinal bore 5 communicating with the longitudinal bore 18  
2 of the catheter 15 and is provided with a motor friction area 6  
3 disposed within the longitudinal bore 5 of the motor 1. A guide  
4 wire 2 is disposed within the longitudinal bore 18 of the  
5 catheter 15 and the longitudinal bore 5 of the motor 1. The  
6 guide wire 2 and the longitudinal bore 5 of the motor 1 are sized  
7 and adapted to impart friction between the friction area 6 of the  
8 motor 1 and the guide wire 2 in an amount sufficient to permit  
9 the motor 1 to change position relative to the guide wire 2 by  
10 crawling against the guide wire 2 when the motor 1 is energized.

11 In operation, an expandable stent 20 is secured to the  
12 balloon portion 19 of the catheter 15 and the guide wire 2 is  
13 placed into the bore 18 of the catheter 15. The guide wire 2 is  
14 then introduced into the lumen to be treated and is advanced by  
15 pushing it until it is near the target area. The guide wire 2 is  
16 then secured. The micro-motor 1 is then energized so that it  
17 crawls along the guide wire 2 which pulls the catheter 15 into  
18 the proximity of the target area to be treated. Because the  
19 catheter 15 is "pulled" into position as shown in FIG. 5, there  
20 is improved tractability and less kinking of the catheter 15,  
21 and, thus, reduced risk of trauma to the internal surface of the  
22 lumen than when the catheter is "pushed" into place using  
23 conventional procedures as shown in FIG. 6. The balloon 19 is  
24 then expanded to secure the stent 20 in the target area of the  
25 lumen. The balloon 19 is then deflated and the guide wire 2 and  
26 the catheter 15 are pulled out of the lumen using conventional

1 methods.

2                   In another embodiment of this invention shown in FIGS.  
3 8A to 8D, the motor is used to push the guide wire into, and if  
4 specific applications dictate through, a constricted area which  
5 clears the vessel of the obstruction to permit the catheter to  
6 advance beyond the obstruction to the target area. In operation,  
7 the catheter 15 is mounted on a guide wire 2 as previously  
8 discussed. The guide wire 2 is advanced to the obstruction 21 as  
9 shown in FIG. 8A. The guide wire 2 is secured and the motor is  
10 energized causing the catheter to advance towards the obstruction  
11 21. The catheter 15 is advanced until it too is in proximity to  
12 the obstruction 21 as shown in FIG. 8B. The catheter 15 is then  
13 secured and the motor 1 is activated which causes the guide wire  
14 2 to advance into the obstructed area 21 as shown in FIG. 8C. In  
15 some applications, one or more passes may be utilized to clear  
16 the obstruction 21. The guide wire 2 is then secured, the motor  
17 1 is energized, and the catheter 15 is advanced through the  
18 vessel past the area from which the guide wire 2 has cleared the  
19 obstruction 21 from the target area as shown in FIG. 8D. This  
20 method may be used to simply clear an obstruction in a lumen as  
21 discussed above or may be used in conjunction with other  
22 embodiments of the invention, e.g., to facilitate the placement  
23 of an expandable stent in the target area of a lumen by first  
24 clearing the target area of any obstructions.

25                   FIG. 9 shows an alternative embodiment of the invention  
26 and shows a slab-shaped motor 22 incorporated in a catheter 23.

1 In the embodiment shown in FIG. 9, the motor 22 is shaped like a  
2 slab instead of being cylindrical. The slab-shaped motor 22 is  
3 disposed on the inner wall of the catheter 23 and is provided  
4 with a friction area 6 sized and adapted to frictionally engage a  
5 guide-wire 2. The slab-shaped motor 22 is sized and adapted to  
6 permit the catheter 23 to be moved relative to the guide-wire 2  
7 as previously discussed and as shown in FIG. 9.

8 While the invention has been described with respect to  
9 a limited number of embodiments, it will be appreciated that many  
10 variations, modifications, and other applications of the  
11 invention may be made.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for disposing a device in the target area of a lumen, comprising: a cylindrically shaped motor attached to said device, said motor having a longitudinal bore, said motor provided with a motor friction area disposed within said longitudinal bore; a guide wire disposed within said longitudinal bore, said guide wire and said longitudinal bore sized and adapted to impart friction between said friction area of said motor and said guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit said motor to change position relative to said guide wire by crawling against said guide wire when said motor is energized.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a biasing means to bias said guide wire against said friction area.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said biasing means is a leaf spring.

4. An apparatus for disposing a device in the target area of a lumen, comprising: a cylindrically shaped motor attached to said device, said motor having an outer surface, said motor provided with a friction area on said outer surface; a cylindrical guide tube having an outer surface and an inner surface defining a longitudinal bore, said outer surface of said motor and said inner surface of said guide tube sized and adapted

to impart friction between said friction area of said motor and said inner surface of said cylindrical guide tube in an amount sufficient to permit said cylindrical motor to change position relative to said guide tube by crawling against said inner surface of said guide tube when said motor is energized.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a biasing means to bias said inner surface of said guide tube against said friction area.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said biasing means is a leaf spring.

7. A method of disposing a device in the target area of a lumen, comprising the steps of:

a) constructing an apparatus comprising a cylindrically shaped motor attached to said device, said motor having a longitudinal bore, said motor provided with a motor friction area disposed within said longitudinal bore, a guide wire disposed within said longitudinal bore, said guide wire and said longitudinal bore of said motor sized and adapted to impart friction between said friction area of said motor and said guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit said motor to change position relative to said guide wire by crawling against said guide wire when said motor is energized;

b) advancing said guide wire to said target area;

- c) securing said guide wire;
- d) energizing said motor so that said motor advances along said guide wire to said target area to dispose said device in said target area of said lumen; and
- e) withdrawing said guide wire, motor, and device from said lumen.

8. A method for disposing a device in the target area of a lumen, comprising the steps of:

- a) constructing an apparatus comprising: a cylindrically shaped motor having an outer surface, said motor provided with a friction area on said outer surface, a cylindrical guide tube having an outer surface and an inner surface defining a longitudinal bore, said outer surface of said motor and said inner surface of said guide tube sized and adapted to impart friction between said friction area and said inner surface of said cylindrical guide tube in an amount sufficient to permit said cylindrical motor to change position relative to said guide tube by crawling against said inner surface of said guide tube when said motor is energized;
- b) advancing said guide tube to said target area;
- c) securing said guide tube;
- d) inserting said motor attached to said device in said bore of said guide tube;
- e) energizing said motor so that said motor advances along said inner surface of said guide tube to said target area to

dispose said device in said target area of said lumen; and

f) withdrawing said guide tube, motor, and device from said lumen.

9. An apparatus for disposing a stent in the target area of a lumen, comprising: a catheter having a proximal end, a distal end, a longitudinal bore therethrough, and an expandable balloon disposed at said distal end; a cylindrically shaped motor disposed at said distal end of said catheter distal to said balloon, said motor having a longitudinal bore communicating with said longitudinal bore of said catheter, said motor provided with a motor friction area disposed within said longitudinal bore of said motor; a guide wire disposed within said longitudinal bore of said catheter and said longitudinal bore of said motor, said guide wire and said longitudinal bore of said motor sized and adapted to impart friction between said friction area of said motor and said guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit said motor to change position relative to said guide wire by crawling against said guide wire when said motor is energized.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a biasing means to bias said guide wire against said friction area.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said biasing means is a leaf spring.

12. A method of disposing a stent in the target area of a lumen, comprising the steps of:

- a) constructing an apparatus comprising: a catheter having a proximal end, a distal end, a longitudinal bore therethrough, and an expandable balloon disposed at said distal end; a cylindrically shaped motor disposed at said distal end of said catheter distal to said balloon, said motor having a longitudinal bore communicating with said longitudinal bore of said catheter, said motor provided with a motor friction area disposed within said longitudinal bore of said motor, a guide wire disposed within said longitudinal bore of said catheter and said longitudinal bore of said motor, said guide wire and said longitudinal bore of said motor sized and adapted to impart friction between said friction area of said motor and said guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit said motor to change position relative to said guide wire by crawling against said guide wire when said motor is energized;
- b) advancing said guide wire to said target area;
- c) securing said guide wire;
- d) energizing said motor so that it advances along said guide wire to said target area to dispose said stent in said target area of said lumen;
- e) inflating said balloon to secure said stent in said target area of said lumen;
- f) deflating the balloon; and
- g) withdrawing said guide wire, motor, and catheter from

said lumen.

13. A method of disposing a stent in an obstructed target area of a lumen, comprising the steps of:

- a) constructing an apparatus comprising: a catheter having a proximal end, a distal end, a longitudinal bore therethrough, and an expandable balloon disposed at said distal end; a cylindrically shaped motor disposed at said distal end of said catheter distal to said balloon, said motor having a longitudinal bore communicating with said longitudinal bore of said catheter, said motor provided with a motor friction area disposed within said longitudinal bore, a guide wire disposed within said longitudinal bore of said catheter and said longitudinal bore of said motor, said guide wire and said longitudinal bore of said motor sized and adapted to impart friction between said friction area of said motor and said guide wire in an amount sufficient to permit said motor to change position relative to said guide wire by crawling against said guide wire when said motor is energized;
- b) advancing said guide wire to said target area;
- c) securing said guide wire;
- d) energizing said motor so that said motor advances along said guide wire to said obstructed target area;
- e) securing said catheter;
- f) energizing said motor so that said guide wire advances through said longitudinal bore of said motor and into said obstructed target area of said lumen;

- g) securing said guide wire;
- h) energizing said motor so that said motor advances along said guide wire and disposes said stent in said target area of said lumen;
- i) inflating said balloon to secure said stent in said target area of said lumen;
- j) deflating said balloon; and
- k) withdrawing said guide wire, motor, and catheter from said lumen.

## ABSTRACT

Apparatus for pulling and positioning an apparatus, e.g., a stent, in the target area of a lumen. In one embodiment, a cylindrically shaped motor has a longitudinal bore, a friction area within the longitudinal bore, and a guide wire disposed within the longitudinal bore. The guide wire and friction area of the motor are sized and adapted to contact each other and impart friction between the friction area and the guide wire to permit the motor to pull a catheter to the target area by crawling against the guide wire. In another embodiment, a cylindrical motor having a friction area on its outer surface is disposed within a guide tube.

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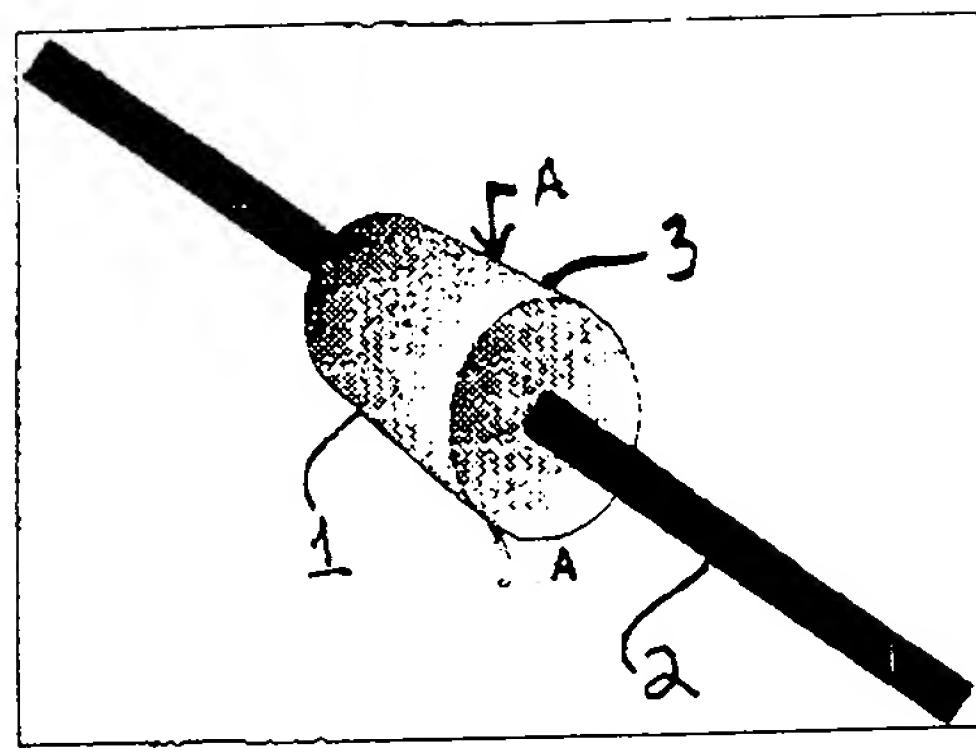


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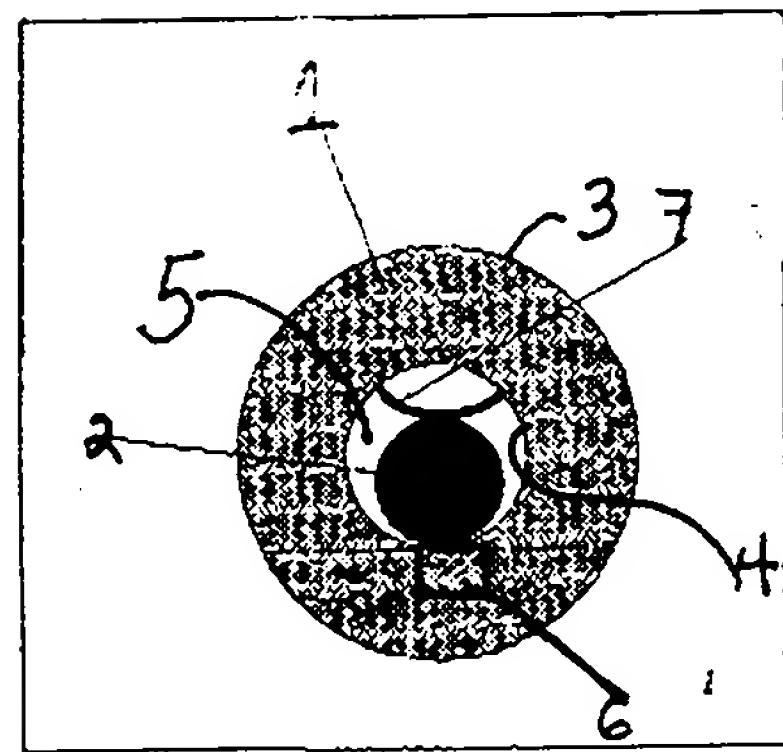
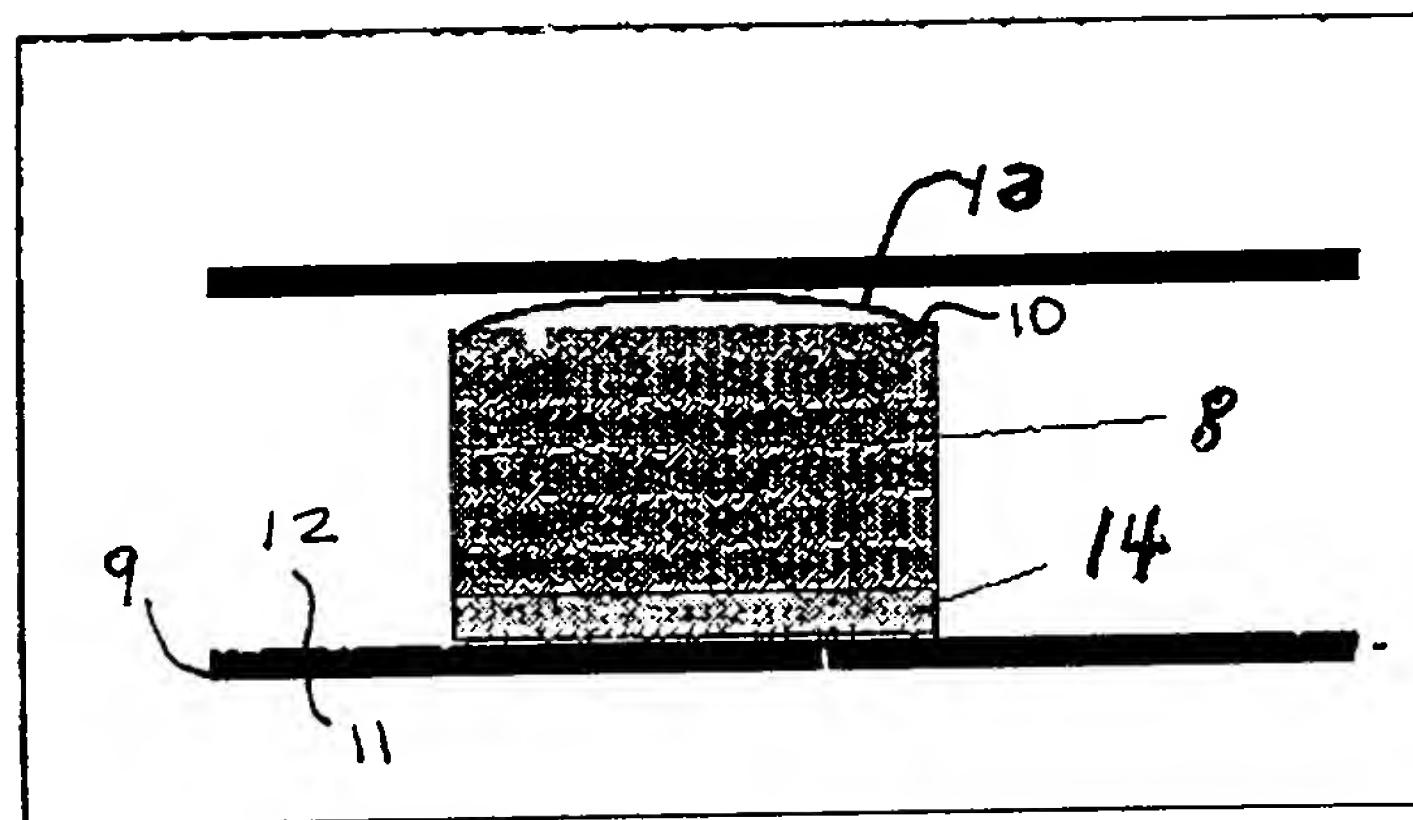
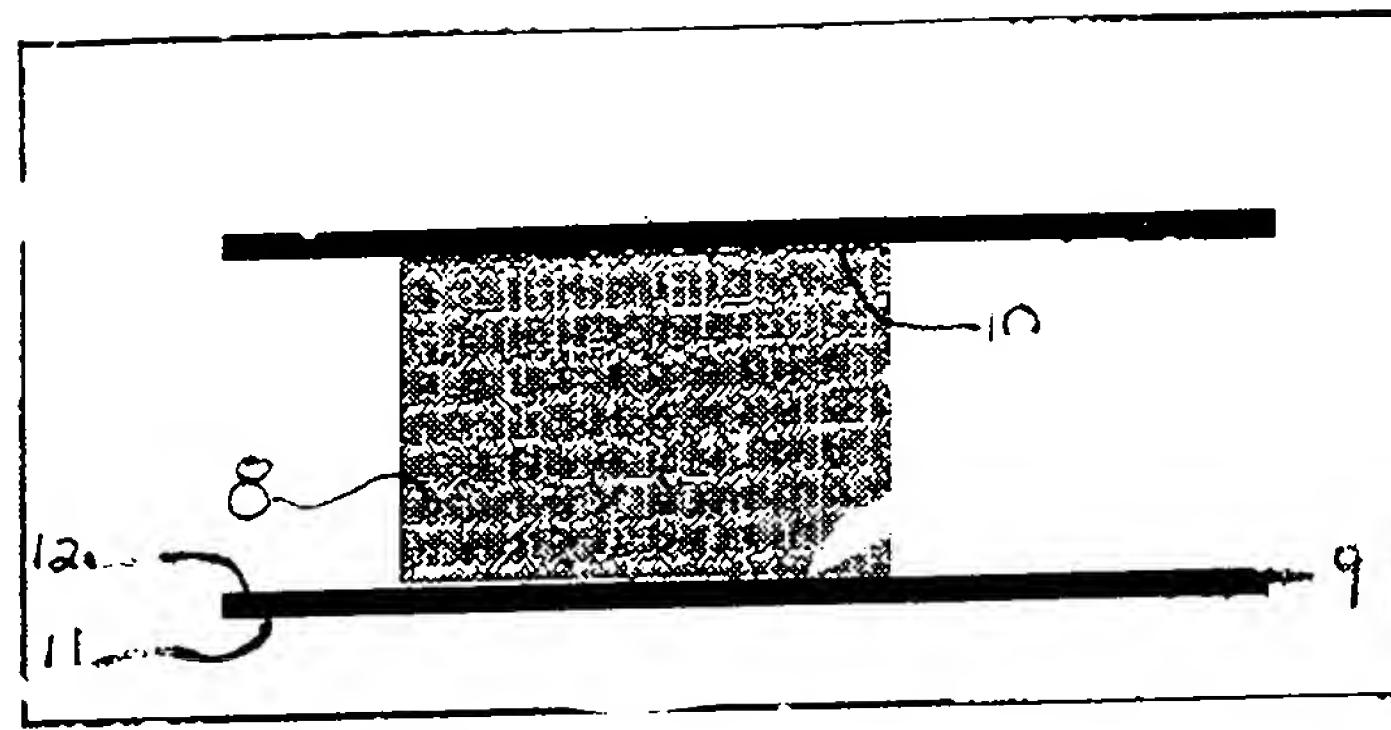


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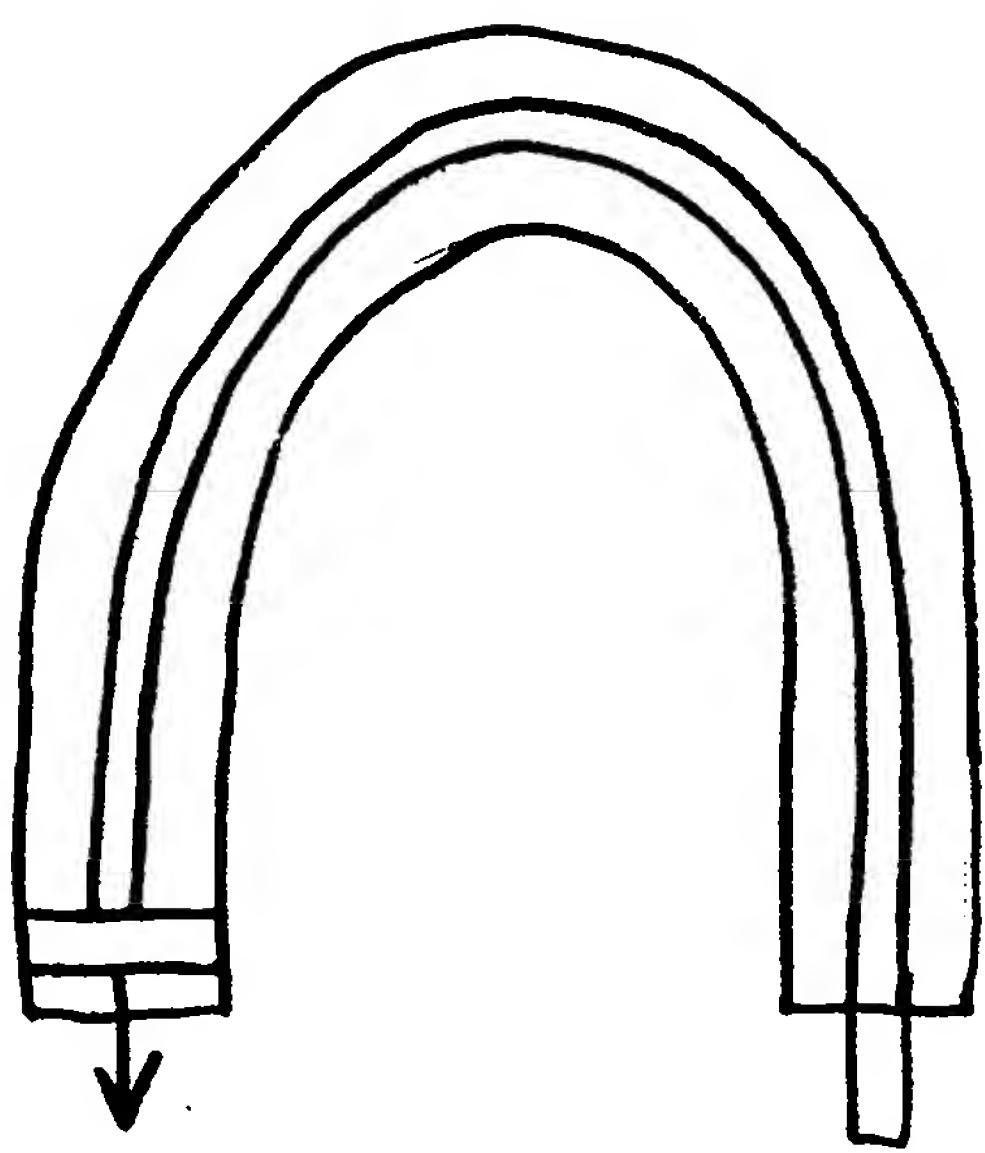


FIG. 5

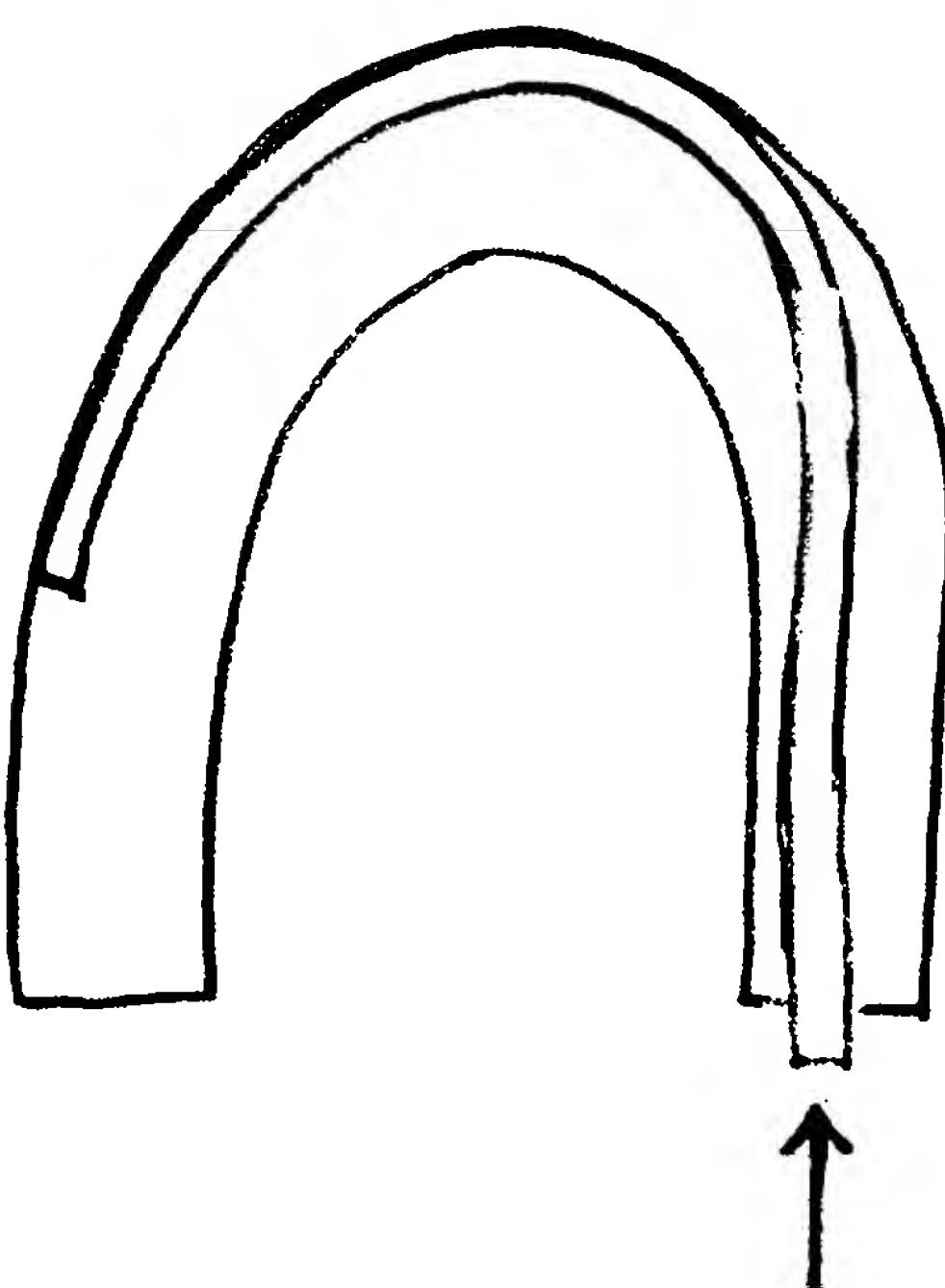


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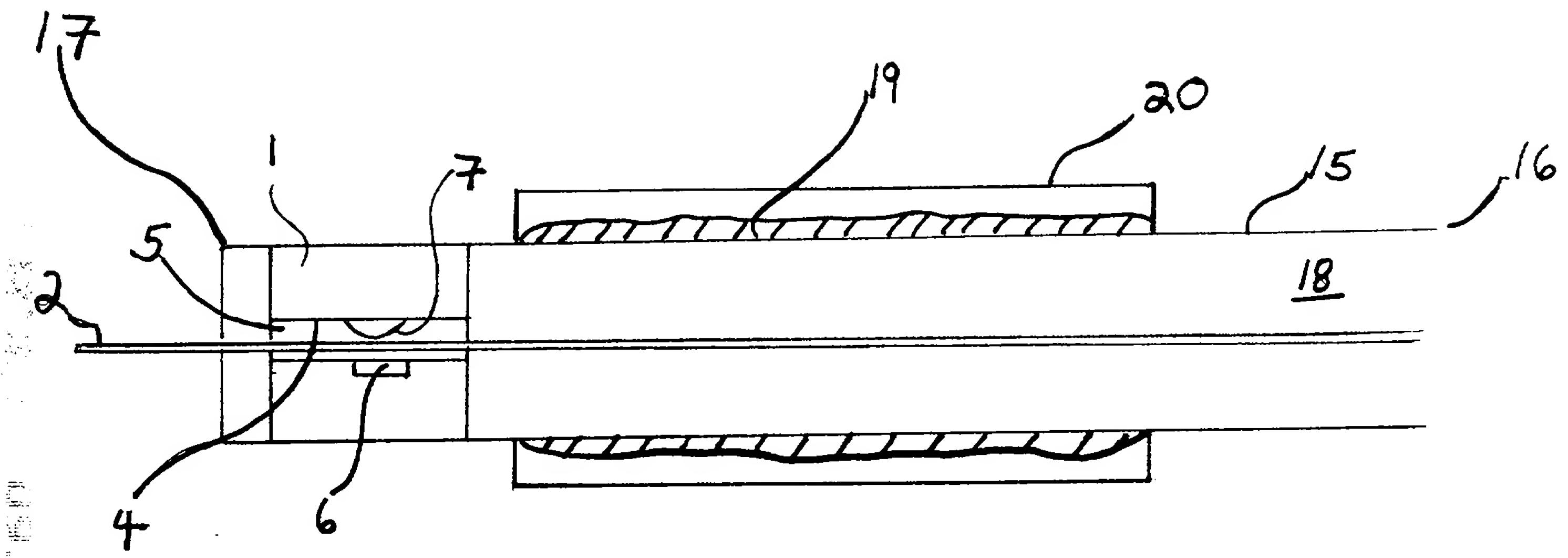
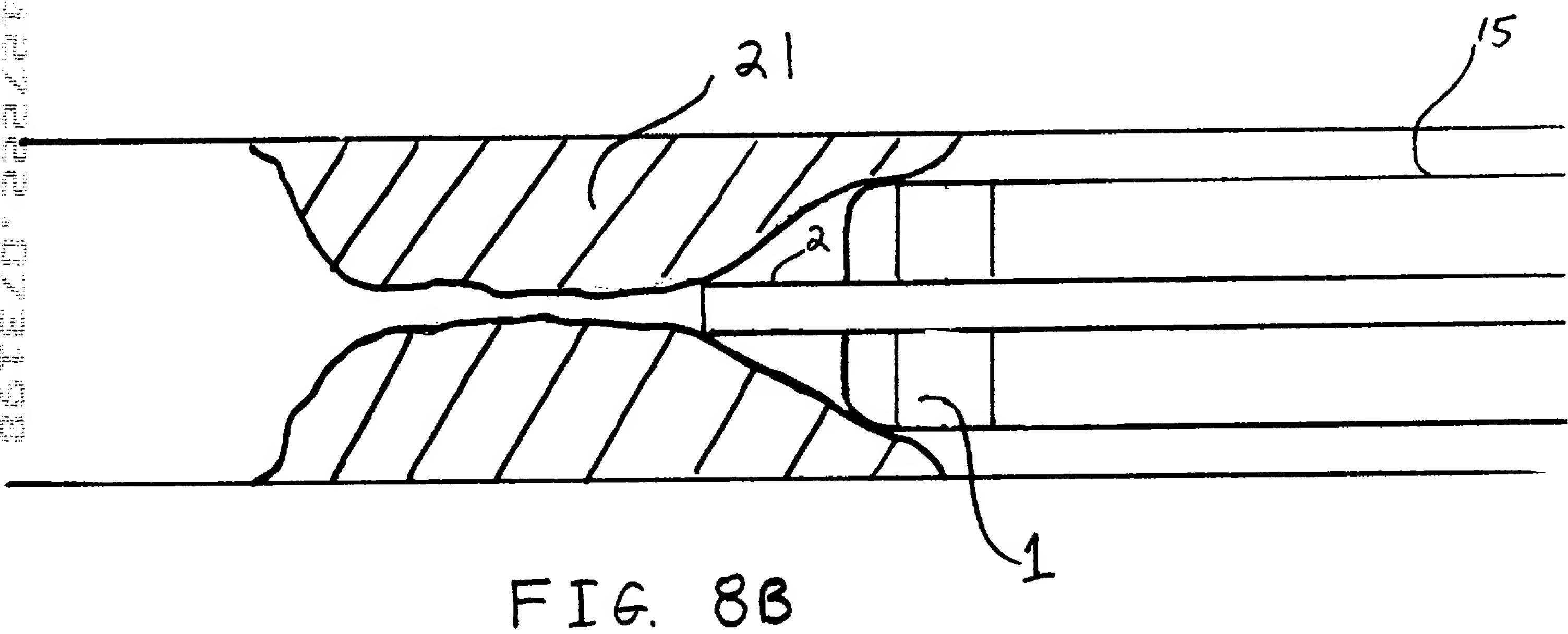
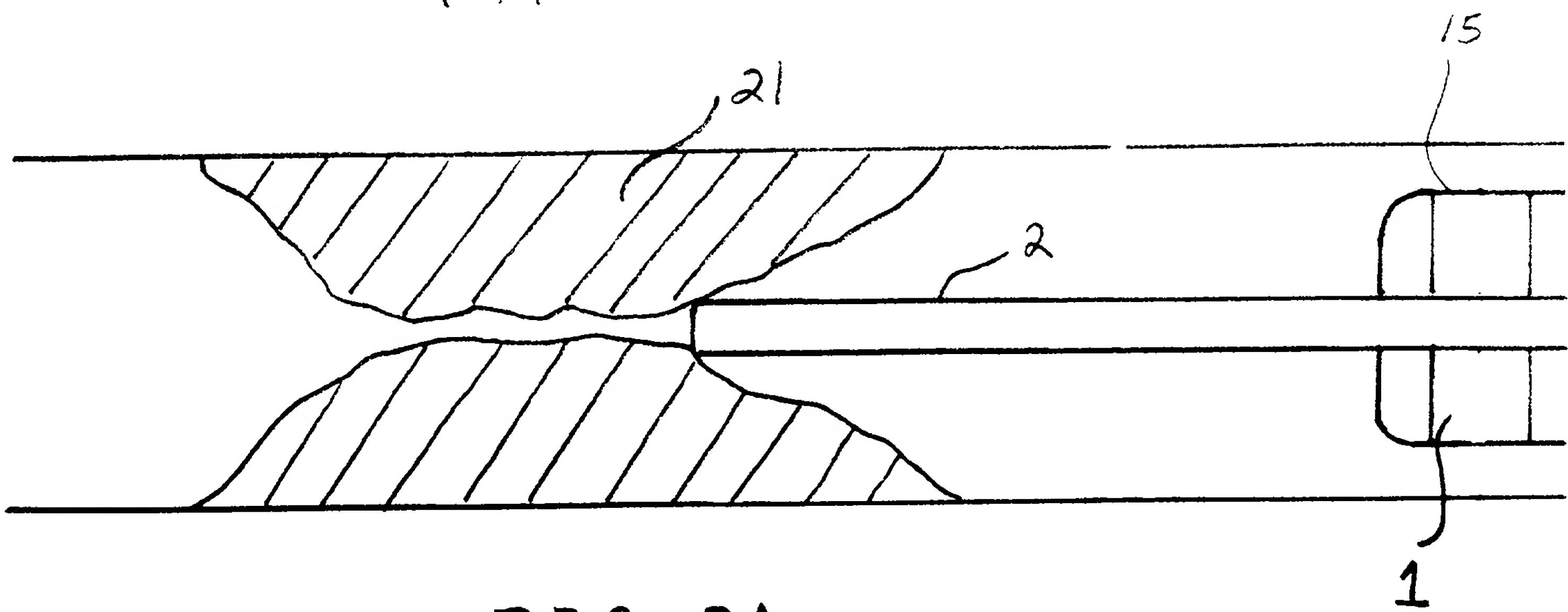
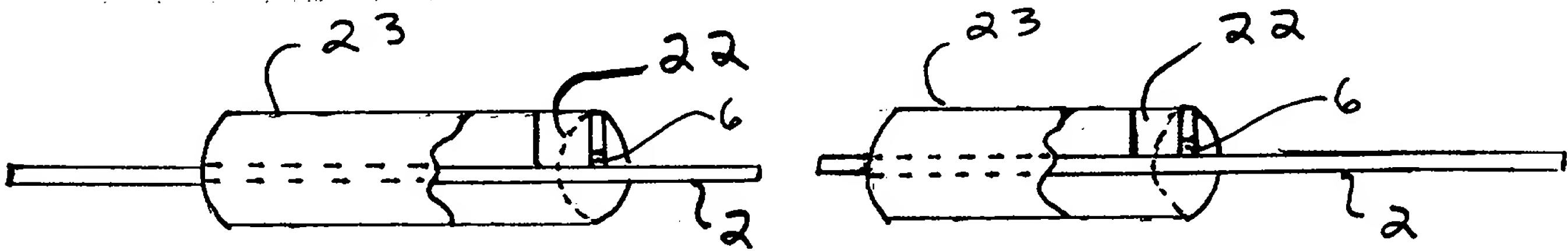
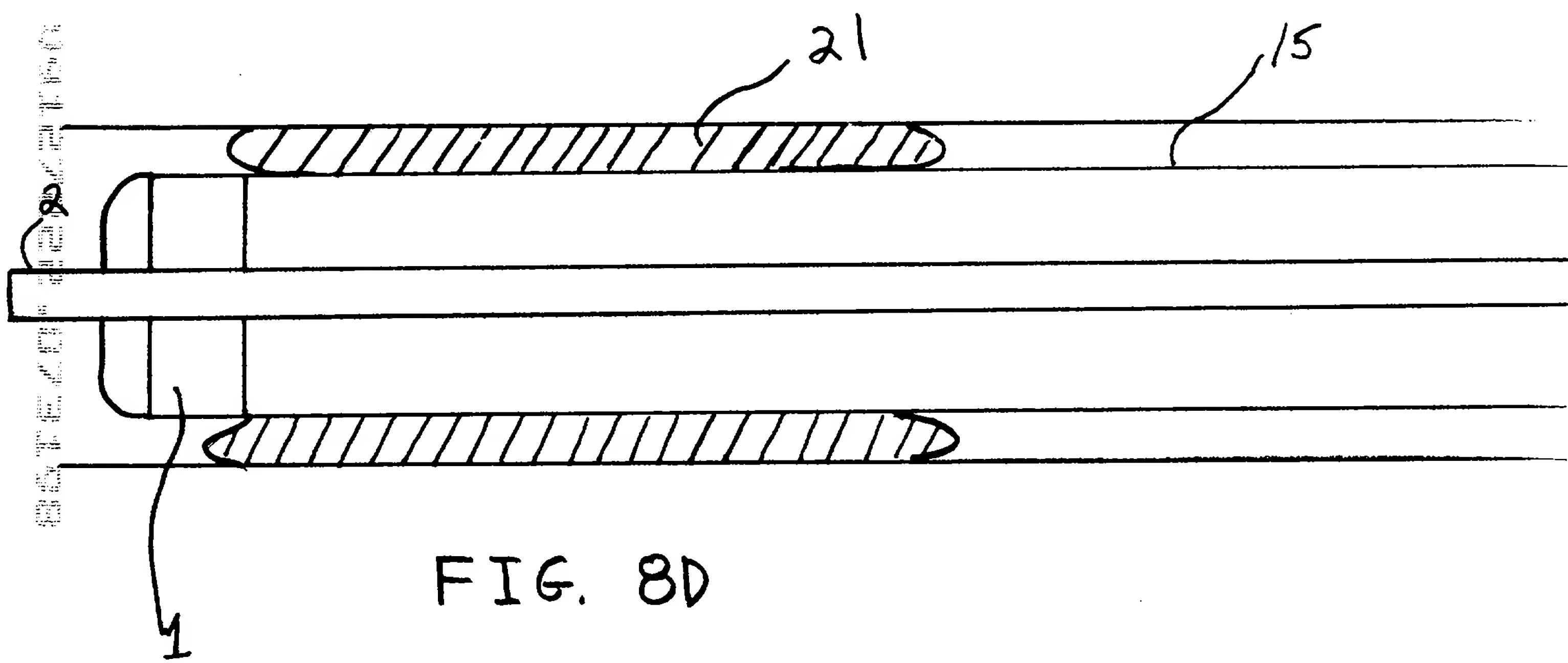
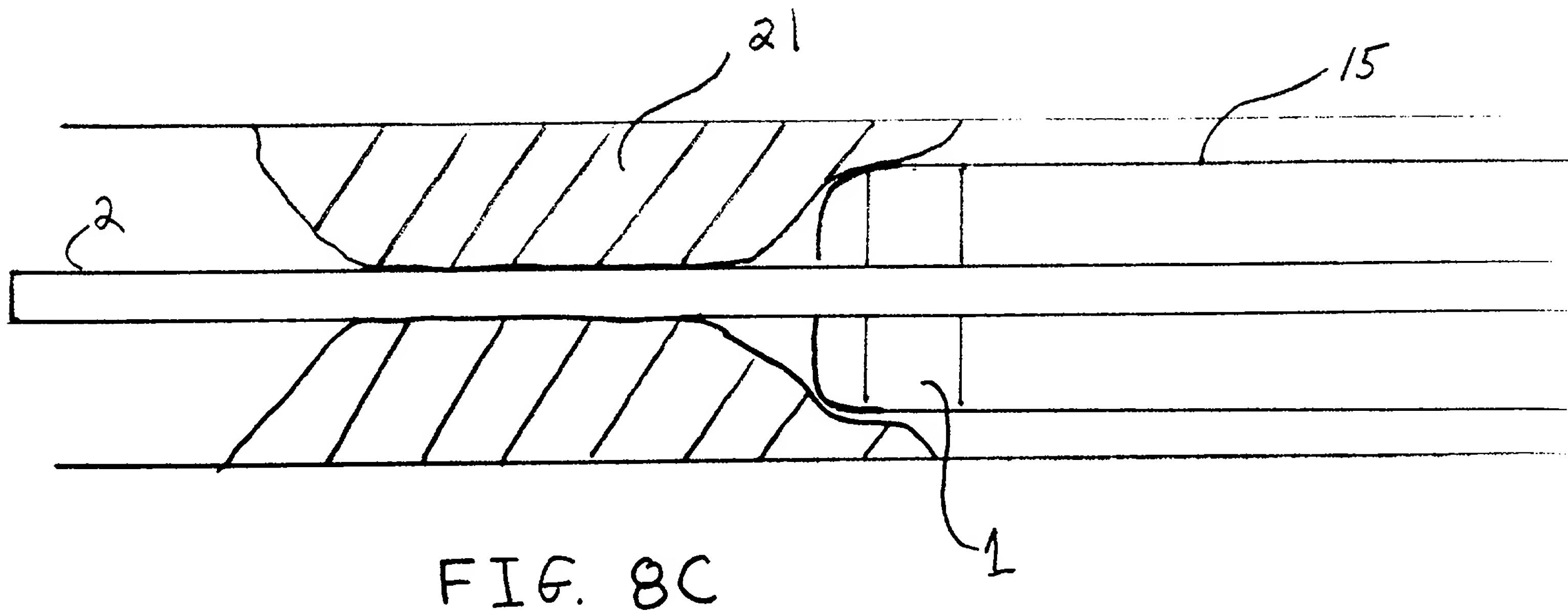


FIG. 7





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